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(C) Post discussed reftel points July 18 with MFA Arms Control and Terrorism Prevention Division First Secretary Jonas Daniliauskas, who agreed on the necessity of encouraging Venezuela to halt complicity in FARC-related narco- and arms trafficking. Daniliauskas noted that Lithuania has diplomatic relations with Venezuela through their embassy in Argentina, and other EU states such as Spain and Italy have much more influence in the Latin American region. He therefore promised to raise the issue of Venezuelan complicity in FARC activity at the next EU COTER expert's meeting scheduled for September 11 in Brussels. CLOUD